

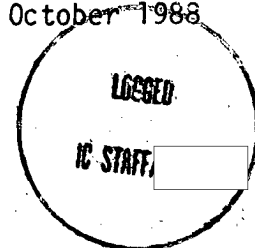
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Members, Intelligence Producers Council
FROM: [Redacted]
Chief, Intelligence Producers Council Staff
SUBJECT: FY 1989 National Intelligence Topics

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1. Attached herewith is the published version of the FY 1989 National Intelligence Topics (NITs) that you recently reviewed prior to the review and approval of the Senior Interagency Group, Committee on Intelligence Requirements and Priorities (SIG-I). This document represents the critical intelligence needs of senior policymakers and reflects the revitalization of the NITs process briefed to you at the recent IPC meeting. Our goal is to make the production of intelligence more focused and efficient. [Redacted]

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2. In his foreword to the NITs document, the DCI asks the Intelligence Community to use the NITs for its production planning and asks that the Collection Committees use them in formulating requirements and priorities. The Foreign Priorities Committee already is adjusting priorities in the US Foreign Intelligence Requirements, Categories and Priorities (FIRCAP), and we hope that the advanced copies provided to you in September were of use in finalizing your FY 1989 research and production plans. As we have mentioned before, the FY 1990 NITs will be available next Spring at the beginning of the research and production planning cycle. [Redacted]

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3. Over the next several months, the IPC Staff will be monitoring and reporting the Intelligence Community's response to the FY 1989 NITs via our analyst survey and our gaps and production reports. The survey of Intelligence Community analysts to determine information gaps relative to the


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FY 1989 NITs will be done in December. We intend to investigate the identified gaps more thoroughly and pursue their remedies more actively than we have in the past. Better understanding of the gaps should provide insights into corrective actions. Your organizations' participation and cooperation with all these efforts are critical to the success of the NITs process. 

4. If you have any comments or questions about these matters, please contact me on 

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FY 1989 NITs

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